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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/829,196

Applicant(s)

MATSUZAKI ET AL.

Examiner

BRIAN P. YENKE

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment (21 Aug 07).
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 21 Aug 07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant states that Daigi et al., WO 02/37847 (previous art used in the rejection) does not disclose the newly added independent claims.

In order for the examiner to properly address such a broad argument, the examiner requests the applicant to explicitly recite which limitation(s) are lacking from the reference in order to expedite prosecution, since these claims appear to resemble the previous version which were anticipated by the prior art.

Initially the examiner notes that the newly submitted claims appear similar to the previous claims rejected by the examiner, in addition the current claims do not recite "the selection/selecting step" as previously claimed. Thus the examiner has maintained the previous rejection as shown below.

2. The examiner would also like the applicant to identify which figure the claims (including the independent and dependent) pertain to. Since the applicant had previously elected Species 1/Figure 1, the examiner presumes the applicant has included claims to pertain to such original election which would preclude an "Original Presentation" restriction.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 19-30 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) claims 22-23 and 28-29 contain subject matter which was not described in the specification (i.e. elected Fig 1) in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The newly added claims include subject matter which was not explicitly recite in the original disclosure, such as: "third motion" and "fourth motion" as recited in the claims, thus the examiner requests the applicant to identify via Figure 1 (since this is the presumed elected species) where these limitations are met by, and also lines/columns of the disclosure which supports such limitations, in order to avoid a "New Matter, 112" rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 19-21, 22, 24-27 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Daigi et al., WO 02/37847.

In considering claims 19, 25 and 31,

- a) the claimed pixel information...is met by field memories 1 and 2 (Fig 1)
- b) the claimed reference pixel motion generating...is met by difference judgement circuit 5 and intermediate value selection circuit 4 (Fig 1, in detail Fig 3)
- c) the claimed reference pixel motion information storing...is met by intermediate value selection circuit 4 which receives/holds the motion information in order to select which interpolation is performed
- d) the claimed intrafield interpolation pixel motion information generating means...is met by interpolation circuit 3 (Fig 1)

e) the claimed interfield interpolation pixel motion information determining means... is met by the interpolation output of adder 33 and the interpolation value output from adder 34 (Fig 3).

f) the claimed interpolation... is met by intermediate value selection circuit (Fig 1) which includes a selection circuit 36 (Fig 3) which selects one of the interfield interpolation values or the intrafield interpolation value based upon the motion information from judgement circuit 5.

In considering claims 20 and 26,

Daigi discloses interpolation circuit 3 (intrafield), intermediate value selection circuit 4 which receives the output from judgement circuit 5 and also includes two interfield interpolators (via adder 33 and 34) and the selection is made/determined based upon the image being a still image or moving image.

In considering claims 21, 24, 27 and 30, ,

Daigi discloses the computing/storing of at least 3 fields (meeting the one frame) wherein based upon the amount of motion or not will determine the interpolation performed (intrafield or interfield).

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (571)272-7359. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, David L. Ometz, can be reached at (571)272-7593.

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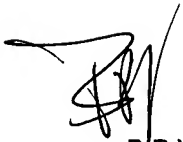
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